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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 867\***

**House Bill No. 1377**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) This section is known and may be cited as "Eli's law".

(b) Notwithstanding this part to the contrary, there is a presumption that any child that is born to a parent, from whose custody a child has previously been removed for being dependent or neglected and the child who was previously removed is in the custody of the department of children's services, may be dependent or neglected and that it is in the best interest of both children that the child's birth be brought to the court's attention.

(c) Upon learning of the birth of the subsequent child, the department shall notify the court that adjudicated the first child dependent and neglected and any other party entitled to notice of the subsequent child's birth.

(d) Upon receiving the notice, the court should immediately schedule a hearing to inquire into the effect of the subsequent child's birth upon the case before the court and to address any further needed steps to protect the safety and well-being of the family.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.




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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1529\***

**House Bill No. 1545**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following appropriately designated new section:

At any stage of a dependency and neglect proceeding, a court, with the consent of a parent who is a party to the proceeding, may appoint and authorize a family member of the parent to be present at all court proceedings and serve as an advocate for the parent in the interests of family support and reunification. The family member may testify before the court and is presumed to be acting in good faith and is immune from liability that might otherwise be incurred while acting in good faith and within the scope of the appointment.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.



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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1337\***

**House Bill No. 1547**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The department shall not require an individual or members of the individual's household to undergo an immunization as a condition of adopting unless the child is under eighteen (18) months of age or has significant documented medical needs that would necessitate the caregiver or members of the caregiver's household being immunized.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 2, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The department of children's services shall not require an individual or members of the individual's household to undergo an immunization as a condition of overseeing a child in foster care under this chapter unless the child is under eighteen (18) months of age or has significant documented medical needs that would necessitate the caregiver or members of the caregiver's household being immunized.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.



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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1145\***

**House Bill No. 1268**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-414, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

The department of children's services shall notify the appropriate court when the department has knowledge that a foster parent from a kinship placement violated a court order by allowing a child to visit the child's parent within thirty (30) calendar days of the department's knowledge of the information.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.



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